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AN ACT to amend Chapter 384 of the Public Acts of 1993, relative to the erection and maintenance of signs on State Highway No. 99 at the Flat Creek bridge in Maury County.

WHEREAS, Flat Creek in Maury County, Tennessee, is a nonviable tributary of the Duck River that is heavily traveled by deer, such that individually and in herds deer move to and from the Duck River along Flat Creek; and

WHEREAS, vehicular collisions with deer and deer herds crossing State Highway No. 99 in Maury County, Tennessee, in the vicinity of the Flat Creek bridge, together with a greatly increased traffic count over the bridge, including large trucks from rock quarrying operations in the area, are all subjecting residents, vehicle drivers and their passengers to life-threatening accidents; and

WHEREAS, cautionary signs which prohibit the parking of vehicles either upon the Flat Creek bridge or within the existing deer crossing area are needed at each end of the bridge and at points one thousand two hundred feet (1,200 ft.) in each direction from the center of the Flat Creek bridge; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 384 of the Public Acts of 1993 is amended by deleting Section 1 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain signs located at each end of the

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Flat Creek bridge and also at points one thousand two hundred feet (1,200 ft.) in each direction along State Highway 99 from the center of the Flat Creek bridge in Maury County, Tennessee, such signs cautioning vehicle drivers of deer crossings and prohibiting parking of vehicles on that portion of the State Highway 99 right-of-way occupied by the bridge and that portion of the right-of-way within one thousand two hundred feet (1,200 ft.) in each direction from the center of the Flat Creek bridge.

SECTION 2. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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